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1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS

VOF NEWS DURING AUGUST 3-17 PERIOD FOCUSED ON COMMUNIST
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IRAN AS ICCS REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA, ACTIVITIES OF VIETNAMESE

STUDENTS VISITING FROM EUROPE AND UNITED STATES, FOREIGN AID TO VIET-NAM. VOF FEATURES AND ANALYSIS STRESSED THEMES OF RVN RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION, SERIOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN NVN, FALLING NVA MORALE, CONFLICTS AND DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN NORTHERNERS AND SOUTHERNERS IN NVA/VC FORCES, INTRANSIGENT HANOI ATTITUDE ON CONTINUING WAR. EXAMPLES: AUGUST 3 FEATURE ON IMPROVING MOSCOW, PEKING RELATIONS WITH US HELD THAT "COMMUNISM HAS LOST ITS ORIGINAL IDEOLOGY AND NATIONALISM HAS BECOME THE REALITY. WHY DOES NOT NVN REALIZE THAT FACT?" "COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ILLUSIONS OF WINNING TOTAL VICTORY AND STILL WANT TO USURP POWER IN SVN IN DEFIANCE OF PARIS AGREEMENT, JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS FOR PEACE."

2. VTVN NATIONAL RADIO (AUDIBLE BY NVA FORCES IN SVN)
NTVN NEWS CONTINUED HEAVY FOCUS ON COMMUNIST CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS. OTHER SUBJECTS NEWS SUMMARIES AND COMMENTARY WERE ECONOMIC TROUBLES OF NVN AS SOVIET AND CHINESE AID DECLINED, ACTIVITIES OF VISITING VIETNAMESE OVERSEAS STUDENTS, PUBLICITY BUILD-UP FOR AUGUST 26 SENATORIAL ELECTIONS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO RVN. FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PSDF FOUNDING WAS PEG FOR SEVERAL DAYS' PRAISE OF PSDF ROLE. PRES. THIEU RESCINDING OF VALUE-ADDED TAX FOR MANY COMMERCIAL AREAS WAS EXTENSIVELY PRAISED AS PROOF DEMOCRATIC CONCERN FOR POPULAR WELFARE. MUCH ATTENTION ALSO GIVEN INDONESIA NEWS AGENCIES' CRITICISM OF COMMUNISTS FOR USING CEASEFIRE RESPITE TO BUILD UP FOR NEW FIGHTING.

3. VOA PROGRAMMING

POST FEEDS TO VOA WASHINGTON PROVIDED EXTENSIVE CEASE-FIRE SITREPS AND REPORTING COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. REPORTED ON IBRD STUDY TEAM. UN DEVELOPMENT DELEGATION AND SIR ROBERT THOMPSON VISIT-- ALL FOCUSING ON SUBJECT OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RVN. IN LATTER PART OF REPORTING PERIOD, REPORTS COVERED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SEMINAR (ECOSEM IV) IN SAIGON, ON SAME THEME.
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